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BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 474-3353 ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COM, MISSIONER

July 26, 1984

Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire 406 Jefferson Building Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Petitions for Special Exception & Special Hearing SE/corner York Road and Stevenson Lane Blisabeth R. Baird, et al - Petitioners Case No. 85-45-X3PH

Dear Mr. Brisendine:

Please be advised that your request for a postponement of the subject case has been granted. You are responsible for the adversubject case has been granted. You are responsible for the advertising and posting costs, in the amount of \$55.27, which is due upon receipt of this letter. Please make the check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland, and remit to Mrs. Arlene January, Zoning Office, Room 113, County Office Building, Towson, Maryland 21204. Upon the rescheduling of the hearing, a subsequent bill will be issued for the second advertising and posting costs incurred.

If this postponement was due to a previous court assignment, please submit a copy of the assignment to this office for our file. You will be notified in writing of a rescheduled hearing date.

Zoning Commissioner

Very truly yours,

BALTIMORE COUNTY
OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
494-3353

ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER

October 25, 1984

Mrs. Jean Duvall 227 Murdock Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212 Mr. Bernard Brune 619 Wilton Road Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: Petition for Special Exception and Special Hearing SE/corner York Road and

Stevenson Lane Elizabeth R. Baird, et al - Petitioners Case No. 85-45-XSPH

Dear Mrs. Duvall and Mr. Brune:

Please be advised that the following appeals have been filed from the decision rendered by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, in the above referenced matter:

Appeal from Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire, Counsel for the Petitioners (appealing Special Hearing only)

2. Appeal from Phyllis C. Friedman, Esquire, People's Counsel You will be notified of the date and time of the appeal hearing when it is scheduled by the County Board of Appeals.

Zoning Commissioner

AJ:eoh

cc: Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire, 406 Jefferson Bldg., Towson, MD 21204 Phyllis C. Friedman, People's Counsel

BALTIMORE COUNTY
OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONII
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER

September 7, 1984

Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire 406 Jefferson Building Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception SE/cor. York Road and Stevenson Lane Elizabeth R. Baird, et al - Petitioner Case No. 85-45-XSPH (Item #346)

Dear Mr. Brizendine:

This is to advise you that \$67.92 is due for advertising and posting of the above property.

This fee must be paid and our zoning sign and post returned on the day of the hearing before an Order is issued. Do not remove sign until day of hearing.

Please make the check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland, and remit to Mrs. Arlene January, Zoning Office, Room 113, County Office Puilding, Towson, Maryland 21204, before the hearing.

Sincerely,

Zoning Commissioner

AJ:aj



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Resm 200 Court Mouse (Hearing Room #218) Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 494-3180

November 16, 1984

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS. REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD RULE 2(b). ABSOLUTELY NO POSTPONE-MENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SCHEDULED HEAR-ING DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 2(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL \$59-79

CASE NO. 85-45-XSPH

ELIZABETH R. BAIRD, ET AL

SE/corner York P.d. and Stevenson Ln.

9th District

Protestant

SE-Service garage SPH-Nonconforming use as a service garage

9/19/84 - Z.C.'s Order - GRANTED w/restrictions

ASSIGNED FOR: CONTINUED ON:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1985, at 10 a.m. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1985 at 9 a.m.

cc: Elizabeth R. Baird, et al

Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esq. Counsel for Petitioners

Mrs. Jean Duvall

Mr. Bernard Brune

Douglas M. Brown

Phyllis C. Friedman People's Counsel

N. E. Gerber J. Hoswell

Arnold Jablon

Jean Jung

James Dyer

CONTINUATION ANNOUNCED AT HEARING - NO NEED FOR WRITTEN NOTICES

Baltimore County, Maryland PEOPLE'S COUNSEL RM. 223, COURT HOUSE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 494-2188 PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN PHYLLIS COLE FRIEDMAN Deputy People's Counsel People's Counsel January 29, 1985 The Honorable William T. Hackett, Chairman County Board of Appeals Room 200, Court House Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: Elizabeth R. Baird, et al., Petitioners Zoning Case No. 85-45-XSPH (Item 346) Dear Chairman Hackett: Please issue a summons to Michael S. Flanigan, Assistant Traffic Engineer, to appear and testify in the above case on Thursday, February 7, 1985, at 10:00 a.m. Very truly yours, Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel COST \$ 3 1.00 NOT SERVED ______ 19 REASON NOT SERVED Please issue this summons. OF BALTIMORE COUNTY J. EDWARD MALONE . Eisenhart, Adm. Secretary County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

11/16/84 - Following were notified of hearing set for Thurs. Feb. 7, '85, at 10 a.m.:

2/7/85 - CASE CONTINUED IN OPEN HEARING FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1985 at 9 a.m.

Eliz. Baird, et al Austin Brizendine, Jr.

A. Jablon, J. Jung, J. Dyer

Jean Duvall

P. Friedman

N. Gerber

J. Hoswell

Bernard Brune Douglas Brown

IN RE: PETITION FOR PECIAL EXCEPTION AND SPECIAL HEARING SE/corner York Road and Stevenson Lane - 9th Election District

* BEFORE THE * BOARD OF APPEALS * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Elizabeth R. Baird, et al * Case No. 85-45-XSPH Petitioners

January 11, 1985

Ret Case #85-45-XSPH

Replying to your letter of Janyary 9, 1984, please be

advised that we have no forms for the purpose you stated. The authorizations required may be submitted with the necessary information outlined

I understand from Mrs. Hess of the People's Counsel's office that she has sent you samples of resolutions and affidavits which

may be used by your association as a guideline. I am enclosing herewith a copy of Bill #59-79 which includes Rule 8 (Special rule pertaining to

persons appearing before the board as representatives of civic or improvement associations) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the County

I trust this information will be of help to you.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth R. Baird, et al

Peggy Williams, Vice-President
The Knollwood-Donnybrook Improvement Assn.

907 Rappaix Court

Towson, MD 21204

Dear Ms. Williams:

on plain paper.

Board of Appeals.

Enclosure

Entry of Appearance

* * * * * * * * * *

Please enter my appearance as a party in the above captioned matter, pursuant to Section 501.6, B.C.Z.R., and I hereby request that any and all notices be forwarded to my office, including but not limited to hearing dates and/or preliminary or final Orders.

> Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore Room 109 - 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3353

Certificate of Mailing

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that on this 25th day of October 1984, copies of the foregoing Entry of Appearance were mailed, postage prepaid, by first class delivery to the County Attorney of Baltimore County, People's Counsel for Baltimore County, Petitioner(s) and/or Protestant(s) in the above captioned matter.

Towson 4, Maryland 907 Rappaix Court Vice-PRESIDENT Peggy Williams DATE January 9, 1985 County Board of Appeals Court House Towson, MD 21204 Res Case 85-45-X SPH Dear Sir or Madams

The Board of Directors of the Knollwood-Donnybrook Improvement Association has discussed the requested change in zoning at the southeast corner of York and Stevenson Lane. The Board has authorized me to express our disapproval of this

change in zoning which we believe would result in additional traffic in an already busy and dangerous intersection. Representatives from our Association plan to attend the meeting on February 7 and would like to be supplied with the forms

necessary for authorized attendance at this hearing. It is important that these forms be available by January 16 as we have a Board meeting scheduled on that date. If there is not sufficient time for these forms to reach us by mail, please call me at 321-8274 and I will arrange to pick them up.

> Sincerely, Giggy Welliams Peggy Villians Knollwood-Donnybrook Improvement Association

Baltimore County, Maryland PEOPLE'S COUNSEL RM. 223, COURT HOUSE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

494-2188

March 29, 1985

PHYLLIS COLE FRIEDMAN People's Counsel

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN Deputy People's Counsel

The Honorable William T. Hackett, Chairman County Board of Appeals

Room 200, Court House Towson, Maryland 21204 Dear Chairman Hackett:

It has come to our attention that the Zoning Commissioner has entered his appearance in the following cases: Christian B. Anderson, et ux - #85-170-SPH (Item 116

- 85-45-XSPH (Item 346) Elizabeth R. Baird, et al - 85-183-A (Item 132) Vincent Bertuca, et ux - 85-187-A (Item 131) Chesapeake Fed. S & L - 84-311-A (Item 249) Mary M. Clark - 85-2-XA (Item 290) David L. Cole, et ux Eastern Yacht Club, Inc. Haussner Family Ltd. Ptnr. Johnson, Robert W., III McManus-Torillo Assoc., Inc. - 85-189-X (Item 127) - 85-186-X1 (Item 115) The Rock Rental Co. Joseph H. Rosendale, et ux - 85-157-XA (Item 102) Louis E. Tarasca, et ux - 85-232-X (Item 146) Towson Presbyterian Church - 85-176-SPH (Item 93)

As a result of the decision in Carol Dohme, et al - #85-106-SPH (Item: 43), it is clear that the Zoning Commissioner has no standing and his appearance should be struck. Please consider this letter as a Motion to Strike the Zoning Commissioner's Appearance in each of the above cases. We are enclosing a copy of this letter/Motion for each file.

Majlimmeren Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel

cc: Norman E. Gerber Armold Jablon, Esquire Malcolm F. Spicer, Jr., Esquire Douglas T. Sachse, Esquire

Case No. 85-45-X SE/co er York Road and Stevenson Lane Item No. 346 9th Election District Date: October 18 and 19, 1984 Elizabeth R. Baird, et al x 1. Copy of Petition Copy of Description of Property Copy of Certificate of Posting (1 sign) Copy of Certificates of Publication Copy of Zoning Advisory Committee Comments Copy of Comments from the Director of Planning Planning Board Comments and Accompanying Map Copy of Order to Enter Appearance Copy of Order - ZENING DEPART Zoning Commissioner x 10. Copy of Plat of Property 11. 200' Scale Location Plan 12. 1000' Scale Location Fian 13. Memorandum in Support of Petition ____14. Letter(s) from Protestant(s) ____15. Letter(s) from Petitioner(s) x 16. Protestants' Exhibits 1 to x 17. Petitioners' Exhibits 1 to 2 x 18. Lettersof Appeal Additional comments from Zoning Advisory Committee Affadavit of Private Process Server on behalf of the Petitioners Elizabeth R. Baird, et al Petitioners 1101 Hollins Lane Baltimore, Maryland 21209 Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire Attorney for the 406 Jefferson Building Towson, Maryland 21204 Mrs. Jean Duvall Protestant 227 Murdock Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212 Mr. Bernard Brune Protestant 619 wilton Road Towson, Maryland 21204 Phyllis C. Friedman, Esquire People's Counsel



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Room 200 Court House Comson, Maryland 21204

(301) 494-3180 May 9, 1985

Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire 306 Worthington Road Towson, MD 21204

> Re: Case No. 85-45-XSPH Elizabeth R. Baird, et al

Dear Mr. Brizendine:

Norman E. Gerber

James Hoswell

Arnold Jablon

James E. Dyer

Jean M.H. Jung

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that an appeal has been taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from the decision of the County Board of Appeals rendered in the above matter.

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Notice.

Very truly yours,

Edith T. Eisenhart, Adm. Socretary

Request Notification

Enclosures

cc: Elizabeth R. Baird, et al Mr. Bernard Brune Phyllis Cole Friedman Douglas M. Brown Ms. Peggy Williams

MOORE, CARNEY, RYAN & BRIZENDINE : IN THE IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEYS AT LAW THE APPLICATION OF 406 JEFFERSON BUILDING : CIRCUIT COURT ELIZABETH R. BAIRD, 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ET AL., FOR SPECIAL TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4772 ROBERT E. CARNEY, 1...
ROBERT J. RYAN
AUSTIN W. BRIZENDINE, JR : FOR EXCEPTION FOR A SERVICE GARAGE, AND SPECIAL IN THE MATTER OF THE : BALTIMORE COUNTY HEARING TO DETERMINE A BOARD OF APPEALS NONCONFORMING USE AS A APPLICATION OF ELIZABETH : CG DOCKET NO. SERVICE GARAGE SE CORNER November 15, 1984 OF BALTIMORE COUNTY YORK ROAD AND STEVENSON LANE BAIRD, ET AL. FOR SPECIAL : FOLIO NO. 168 9TH DISTRICT EXCEPTION FOR A SERVICE GARAGE 85 CG 1433 : FILE NO. 85-CG-1433 204 West Pennsylvania Avenue CASE NO. 85-45-XSPH County Board of Appeals
Room 200 Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 823-7800 SÆ CORNER YORK ROAD AND 10-168 JEAN K. DUVALL, ET AL., Courthouse Towson, Maryland 21204 STEVENSON LANE Attorneys for Protestant-Appellants Protestant-Appellants. RE: Petitions Special Exception and Special Hearing S/E Corner York Road and 9TH DISTRICT * * * * * * * * * PETITION OF PROTESTANT - APPELLANTS Stevenson Lane 9th Election District ORDER FOR APPEAL BY PROTESTANT-APPELLANTS Elizabeth R. Baird, et al Jean K. Duvall, et al., Protestant - Appellants, by I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8th day of May, 1985, that a copy of Petitioners Before the Zoning Commissioner Newton A. Williams, G. Scott Barhight, and Nolan, Plumhoff the foregoing Order for Appeal by Protestant-Appellants was mailed postage Mr. Clerk: Case No. 85-45-XSPH Please enter an appeal, pursuant to Rule B2, on behalf of Jean K. prepaid, to Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire, 406 Jefferson Building, & Williams, Chartered, their attorneys, pursuant to Rule Gentlemen: Duvall, 227 Murdock Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21212: C. Edward Glaeser, Jr., Towson, Maryland 21204, attorney for Petitioner-Appellee; and to Thomas J. B.2.e. petitions the Court regarding the April 9, 1985 Please schedule a hearing date on the above-entitled 143 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, Maryland 21212; J. Harvey Foit, 508 Stevenson matter. Opinion and Order of the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore Bollinger, Esquire, Office of Law. Thank you for your attention to the above. Lane, Baltimore, Maryland 21212; Robert F. Carson, II, 905 Greenleigh Road, County and says: Baltimore, Maryland 21212; James Wyman, 506 Wilton Road, Baltimore, Maryland Very truly yours, 1. By Opinion and Order dated April 9, 1985 (the 21204; and Milton M. Crook, 505 Stevenson Lane, Baltimore, Maryland 21204, "Order"), the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Austin W. Brizendine, Jr. Protestant-Appellants, from the Opinion and Order of the Board of Appeals of ("the Board") granted the requested special exception for AWB:jw Baltimore County, passed in the above case on April 9, 1985. a service garage subject to certain restrictions. The undersigned certifies that on May 8, 1985, a copy of this Order cc: Arnold Jablon, Zoning Commissioner 2. The Protestant - Appellants submit that the Bernard Brune, Esquire for Appeal was served on the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County prior to People's Counsel Board's Order is erroneous in that: Mrs. Jean Duvall A. The Board's findings of fact relative to the the fili of this Order for Appeal. LAW OFFICES NOLAN, PLUMHOFF LAW OFFICES IAW OFFICES NOLAN, PLUMHOFF NOLAN, PLUMHOFF traffic issues are not supported by the evidence, Newton A. Williams CHARTERED & WILLIAMS, CHARTERED GSB/tms 5/8/85 - 2 -B. The Board's findings of fact relative to Road, Towson, Maryland 21204, Thomas J. Bollinger, Esquire, IN THE Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, Section 502.1. a., b., IN THE MATTER May 9, 1985 OF THE APPLICATION OF Office of Law for Baltimore County, 2nd Floor, Court House, CIRCUIT COURT ELIZABETH R. BAIRD, ET AL c., e., and g. are rot supported by the evidence, FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR Towson, Maryland 21204, and Ms. Edith T. Eisenhart, A SERVICE CARAGE, AND C. The Board's legal decision is not supported SPECIAL HEARING TO Administrative Secretary, County Board of Appeals of BALTIMORE COUNTY DETERMINE A NONCONFORMING by its findings of fact, and USE AS A SERVICE GARAGE Baltimore County, Room 200 Court House, Towson, Maryland AT LAW D. The Board's decision is illegal, invalid, SE CORNER YORK ROAD Newton A. Williams, Esquire and G. Scott Barhight, Esquire 204 W. Pennsylvania Avenue AND STEVENSON LANE CG DOCKET NO. 10 21204. 9th DISTRICT arbitrary and capricious. FOLIO NO. 168 WHEREFORE, Protestant - Appellants petition this CASE NO. 85-45-XSPH Towson, MD 21204 FILE NO. 85-CG-1433 Court to reverse the Board's Order of April 9, 1985 and JEAN K. DUVALL, ET AL PLAINTIFFS Dated: May /6, 1985. grant the Protestant - Appellants such other and further G. Scott Barhight relief as their cause may require. Respectfully submitted, CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE Elizabeth R. Baird, et al SE corner York Road and Stevenson Lane 9th District Pursuant to the provisions of Rule B-2(d) of the Maryland Rules of Newton A. Williams Procedure, Keith S. Franz, LeRoy B. Spurrier and Diana K. Vincent, constituting the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, have given notice by mail of G. Scott Barhight the filing of the appeal to the representative of every party to the proceeding before it; namely, Elizabeth R. Baird, et al, 1101 Hollins Lane, Balti-BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams, more, MD 21209, Petitioners, and Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire, 306 Chartered
204 West Pennsylvania Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
301/823-7800 Worthington Road, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for the Petitioners, and Newton COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
ROOM 200 COURTHOUSE REMIT TO: A. Williams, Esquire and G. Scott Barhight, Esquire, 204 West Pennsylvania TOWSON, MD 21204 Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, Attorneys for the Protestants-Appellants, and Mrs. ATTORNEYS FOR PROTESTANT -APPELLANTS Jean Duvall, 227 Murdock Road, Baltimore, MD 21212 and Mr. Bernard Brune, 619 Wilton Road, Towson, MD 21204, Protestants, and Douglas M. Brown, 1905 Haver CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE LAW OFFICES NOLAN, PLUMHOFF NOLAN, PLUMHOFF & WILLIAMS, Hill Road, Baltimore, MD 21234, and Ms. Peggy Williams, Vice President, Knoll-& WILLIAMS, I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the foregoing Petition CHARTERED wood-Doni vbrook Improvement Association, 907 Rappair Court, Towson, MD 21204, of Protestant - Appellants were mailed first class, postage and Phyllis Cole Friedman, Esquire, Room 223 Courthouse, Towson, MD 21204, prepaid to Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire, 306 Worthington - 3 -People's Counsel for Baltimore County, a copy of which Notice is attached hereto and prayed that it may be made a part thereof.

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ELIZABETH BAIRD - 10/168/85-CG-1433

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Room 200, Courthouse, Towson, MD 21204

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the aforegoing Certificate of Notice has been mailed to Elizabeth R. Baird, et al, 1101 Hollins Lane, Baltimore, MD 21209, Petitioners, and Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire, 306 Worthington Road, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for the Petitioners, and Newton A. Williams, Esquire and G. Scott Barhight, Esquire, 204 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson MD 21204, Attorneys for the Protestants-Appellants (Plaintiffs), and Mrs. Jean Duvall, 227 Murdock Road, Baltimore, MD. 21212 and Mr. Bernard Brune, 619 Wilton Road, Towson, MD 21204, Protestants, and Douglas M. Brown, 1905 Haver Hill Road, Baltimore, MD 21234, and Ms. Peggy Williams, Vice President, Knollwood-Donnybrook Improvement Association, 907 Rappaix Court, Towson, MD 21204, and Phyllis Cole Friedman, Esquire, Room 223 Courthouse, Towson, MD 21204, People's Counsel for Baltimore County, on this qth day of May, 1985.

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

cc: Zoning - A. January Planning - J. Hoswell

lith day of July , 1984.

titioner's Austin W. Brisendine, Esq.

BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

Petitioner Blisabeth R. Baird, et alReceived by Micholas B. Commodari

County Office Building

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

petition has been received and accepted for filing this

Zoning Commissioner

Chairman, Zoning Plans

Advisory Committee

85-45-XSPH

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Room 200 Court House Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 494-3180

Newton A. Williams, Esquire G. Scott Barhight, Esquire 204 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Towson, MD 21204

> Re: Case No. 85-45-XSPH Elizabeth R. Baird, et al

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with Rule B-7 (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the County Board of Appeals is required to submit the record of proceedings of the appeal which you have taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in the above entitled matter within thirty

May 9, 1985

The cost of the transcript of the record must be paid by you. Certified copies of other documents necessary for the completion of the record must also be at your expense.

The cost of the transcript, plus any other documents, must be paid in time to transmit the same to the Circuit Court not later than thirty days from the date of any petition you file in court, in accordance with Rule B-7

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Notice which has been filed in the Circuit Court. Also enclosed is an invoice covering the cost of certified copies of necessary documents which must be included in this file. Please remit as indicated on invoice.

Very truly yours,

Edith T. Cisinhart

Edith T. Eisenhart, Adm. Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Jean Duvall, et al

BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 30, 1984 COUNTY OFFICE BLDG. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. ustin W. Brizendine, Esquire

Towson, Maryland 21204

406 Jefferson Building

Nicholas B. Commodari Chairman

MEMBERS Bureau of Department of Traffic Engineering

State Roads Commiss Eureau of Fire Prevention Health Department Project Planning Building Department Board of Education Zoning Administration RE: Item No. 346 - Case No. 85-45-XSPH Petitioner - Elizabeth R. Baird, et al

Special Hearing & Special Exception Dear Mr. Brizendine:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. The Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly. hearing scheduled accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Richalas & Connadare, NICHOLAS B. COMMODARI Chairman Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

NBC:bsc

Enclosures

cc: Gerhold, Cross & Etzel 412 Delaware Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

HARRY J. PISTEL, P. E. DIRECTOR

July 13, 1984

Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

ELIZABETH R. BAIRD. ET AL

July 11, 1984

Sept. 19

Oct. 18

May 8

June 21

Petition filed

ZC GRANTED SE, w/restrictions

Order for Appeal filed with C.B. of A.

being conducted on the subject property.

Board GRANTED SE, w/ restrictions - No conclusion

Order for Appeal-filed in the Circuit Court for

NOT FILED IN COURT AS APPELLANTS DID NOT ORDER

Dismissal of appeal filed in the Circuit Court on behalf of Protestants-Appellants and case

TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY AND TIME EXPIRED

as to the nonconforming use status of the operation

Baltimore County by News [File #85-CG-1433]

Certificate of Notice sent to all interested Put dinty

Re: Item 346 (1983-1984) Property Owner: Elizabeth R. Baird, et al Location: SE/Cor, York Road and Stevenson Lane Acres: 0.33 District: 9th

#85-45-XSPH

Dear Mr. Jablon:

The following comments are furnished in regard to the plat aubmitted to this office for review by the Zoning Advisory Committee in connection with the subject

Baltimore County highway and utilities improvements are not directly involved,

All improvements, intersections, entrances, drainage requirements and construction affecting York Road (Md.45) right-of-way are subject to the standards, specifications and approval of the Maryland State Highway Administration in addition to those of Baltimore County.

Stevenson Lane, an existing public road, is proposed to be further improved in the future with highway right-of-way widening and a fillet area for sight distances required at the York Road intersection, generally as shown on the submitted plan (per

This office has no further comment in regard to the plan submitted for Zoning Advisory Committee review in connection with this Item 346(1983-1984)

Silbert S. BENSON, P.E., Assy. Chief

cc: John J. Trenner

KY-N-N.W. PS-32 N.E. 2 TP-N.E. 8-A TX- 70

GSB:EAM:FWR:mr

11/9/84

Board of Appeals

Case # 8545xsph

I strongly disagree with the current plans to bring a (Speedy, Jiffy) tune up shop to the corner of York Road and Stevenson Lane. This will only add confusion to an already busy intersection.

I would like to be notified when the hearing will take place so I can express my concerns.

> Douglas M Brown 1905 Haver Hill RD. Baltimore MD. 21234

Maryland Department of Transportation

July 2, 1984

Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Attention: Mr. N. Commodari

Re: ZAC Meeting of 6-26-84 ITEM: #346. Property Owner: Elizabeth R. Baird, et al Location: SE/Cor. York Road Route 45, and Stevenson Lane Existing Zoning: B.L.-CNS Proposed Zoning: Special Hearing to approve a nonconforming use for a service garage and Special Exception for service garage. Acres: 0.33 District: 9th

Dear Mr. Jablon:

On review of the submittal of 6-5-84 and field inspection, the State Highway Administration offers the following comments.

If the sight is found to be a non-conforming use for service garage, all existing conditions along the frontage of York Road (Route 45) can remain unchanged.

If the Special Hearing finds the site does not enjoy a nonconforming use, improvements to the York Road frontage must be constructed to meet existing State Highway Administration improvements for access.

Very truly yours, Charle Con

CL:GW:maw

Charles Lee, Chief Bureau of Engr. Access Permits eletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech Rv. George Wittman

Maryland Department of Transportation

October 15, 1984

Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Attention: Mr. N. Commodari

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District: 9th

Dear Mr. Jablon:

The State Highway Administration is providing additional comments to Item #346 for a non-conforming use as a service

With the site found not to enjoy a non-conforming use, the State Highway Administration will require the site plan to be revised.

> My telephone number is (301) 659-1350 Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baltimore Metro — 565-0451 D.C. Metro — 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free P.O. Box 717 / 707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203 - 0717

Mr. A. Jablon

October 15, 1984

All access to the site must be by way of a standard 30' depressed entrance located at the south property line.

The existing north entrance on York Road must be closed with temporary construction (Bituminous Curb) on the existing alignment of York Road (24' from centerline) and at the Stevenson Lane Intersection.

State Highway Administration - Type "A" concrete curb and gutter must be constructed on he proposed right of way line for York Road and Stevenson La.e.

Attached for your use and review is a red lined revised plan. All work within the State Highway Administration right of way must be through S.H.A. permit with the posting of a \$5,000.00 bond or letter of credit to guarantee construction of the required improvements.

> Very truly yours, Charle Len Charles Lee, Chief Bureau of Engineering Access Permits

> > By: George Wittman

cc: Mr. J. Ogle

CL:GW:maw

Attachment

Baltimore Co. People's Counsel

BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 NORMAN E. GERDER DIRECTOR

> Mr. Arnold Jabion Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 2120

7-13-84

Re: Zoning Advisory Meeting of 6-26-84 Property Owner: Elizabishe R. Baird, et al Location: 5 E/cor. York Rd. a Stevenson Lone

The Division of Current Planning and Development has reviewed the subject petition and offers the following comments. The items checked below are

)There are no site planning factors requiring comment A County Review Group Meeting is required.

A County Review Group meeting was hald and the minutes will be forward by the Bureau of Public Services.)This site is part of a larger tract; therfore it is defined as subdivision. The plan must show the entire tract.)A record plat will be required and must be recorded prior to issuance of a building permit.)The access is not satisfactory. The circulation on this site is not satisfactory. The parking arrangement is not satisfactory.)Parking calculations must be shown on the plan.)This property contains soils which are defined as wetlands, and

development on these soils is prohibited.)Construction in or alteration of the floodplain is prohibited under the provisions of Section 22-98 of the Development Development of this site may constitute a potential conflict with the Baltimore County Master Plan.
)The amended Development Plan was approved by the Planning Board

(X)Landscaping should be provided on this site and shown on the plan.

()The property is located in a deficient service area as defined by Bill 178-79. No building permit may be issued until a Reserve Capacity Use Certificate has been issued. The deficient service The property is located in a traffic area controlled by a "D" level intersection as defined by Bill 178-79, and as conditions change traffic capacity may become more limited. The Basic Services Areas are re-evaluated annually by the County Council.

Exceeding and landscaping must be graidel Any



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BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
494-3550

STEPHEN E. COLLINS DIRECTOR

July 23, 1984

Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

> Item No. 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354 ZAC-Meeting of June 26,198 Property Owner: Location: Existing Zoning:

District:

Proposed Zoning:

Dear Mr. Jablon;

The Department of Traffic Engineering has no comments for item numbers 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354.

Traffic Engineering Assoc. II

BALTIMORE COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT
10WSON, MARYLAND 21204-2586

PAUL H. REINCKE CHIEF

July 3, 1984

Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

Attention: Nick Commodari, Chairman Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

RE: Property Owner: Elizabeth R. Baird, et al Location: SE/Cor. York Rd. and Stevenson La.

Zoning Agenda: Meeting of 6/26/84 Item No.: 346

Pulsuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below marked with an "X" are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

() 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals or _____ feet along an approved road in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Works.

() 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site. () 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at _____

EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department. () 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

(X) 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1976 Edition prior

() 6. Site plans are approved, as drawn.

to occupancy.

() 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments, at this time.

REVIEWR: Cott Sail Yelly 7-3-fy Approved: Fire Prevention Bureau

Special Inspection Division

BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS & LICENSES
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
194-3610

TED ZALESKI, JR. Office of Planning and Zoning

Elizabeth R. Baird, et al Location: Existing Zoning: Proposed Zoning: SEC York Road & Stevenson La

(X)Additional comments:

BL -CNS Special Hearing to approve a non-conforming use for service

All structure shall comform to the Beltimore County Building Code 1981/ Council Bill 4-82 State of Maryland Code for the Handicapped and Aged; and other applicable Codes.

B. building/end other miscellameous permits shall be required before beginning C. Residentials Three sets of construction drawings are required to file a permit application. Architect/Engineer seal is/is not required.

D. Commercial: Three sets of construction drawings with a Maryland Registered Architect or Engineer shall be required to file a permit application.

E. An exterior wall erected within 6'0 of an adjacent lot line shall be of one hour fire registive construction, so openings permitted within 3'-0 of lot lines. A firewall is required if construction is on the lot line, See Table 401, line 2, Section 1407 and Table 1402.

P. Requested verience conflicts with the Beltimore County Building Code, Bection/s _______

G. A change of eccupancy shall be applied for, along with an alteration parait
application, and three required sets of drawings indicating how the structure
will neet the Code requirements for the proposed change. Drawings may require
a professional seal. Change Man from "B" 6ASService Station to 5-110 sheat

B. Before this office can comment on the above structure, please have the owner, thru HNZNAd Mac the services of a Registered in Maryland Architect or Engineer certify to this office, that, the structure for which a proposed change in use is proposed can comply with the height/area requirements of Table 505 and the required construction Repair of the classification of Table 401.

Domes Remove or fill ogas tanks (requires a permit) unless one has already been acquired. Building shall

mut Code for the proposed use accused by the drawings shall submitted to the office of Planning and Soning and are not intended to provide Harchest if desired, additional information may be obtained by visiting Boom \$122 parking agreed. (Plans Baview) at 111 Vest Chasapeaks Ave., 21204 Yery truly yours,

Charles E. Burnham, Chief

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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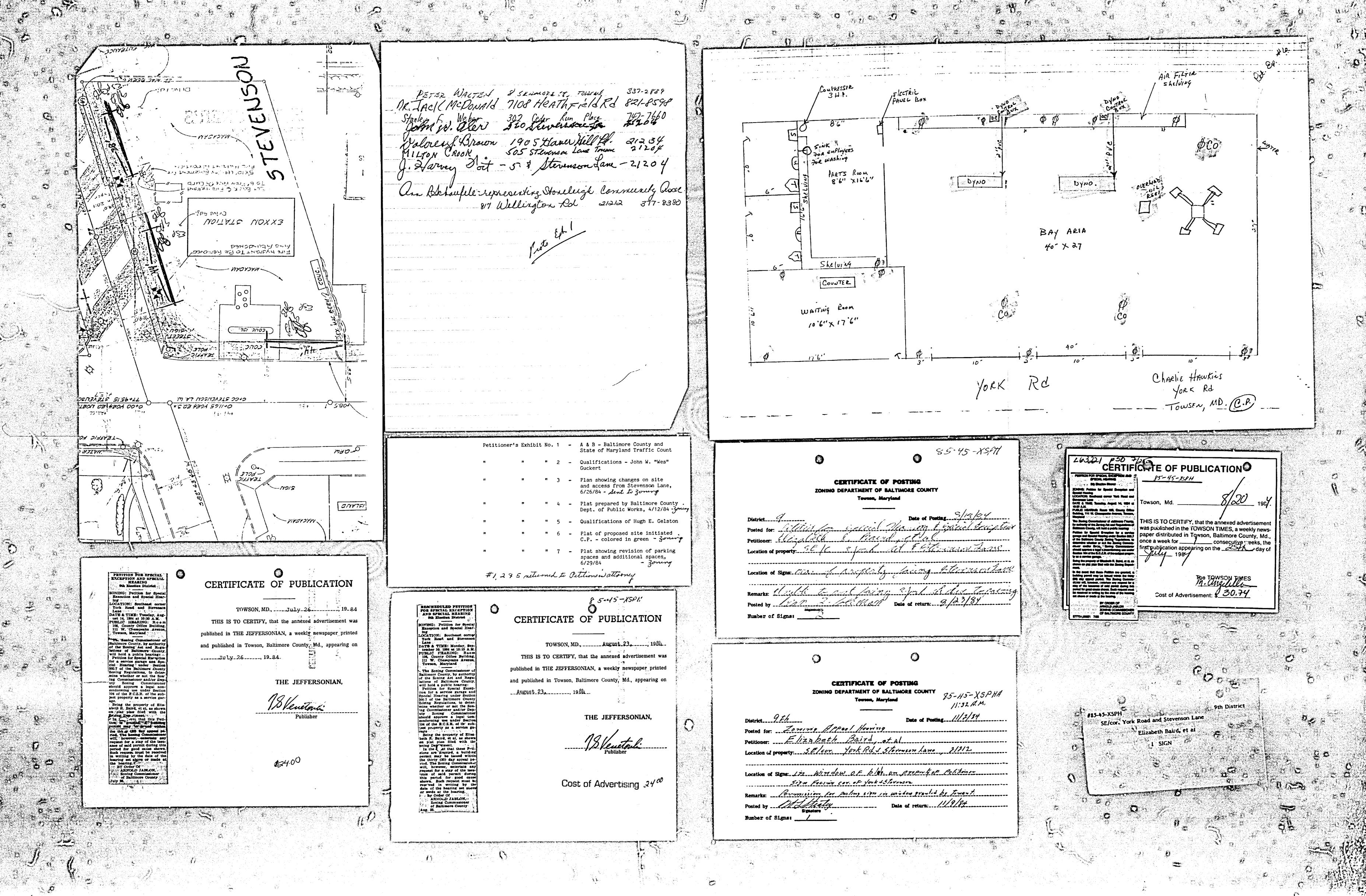
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Norman E. Gerber, Director FROM Office of Planning and Zoning Elizabeth R. Baird, et al SUBJECT No. 85-45-XSpH

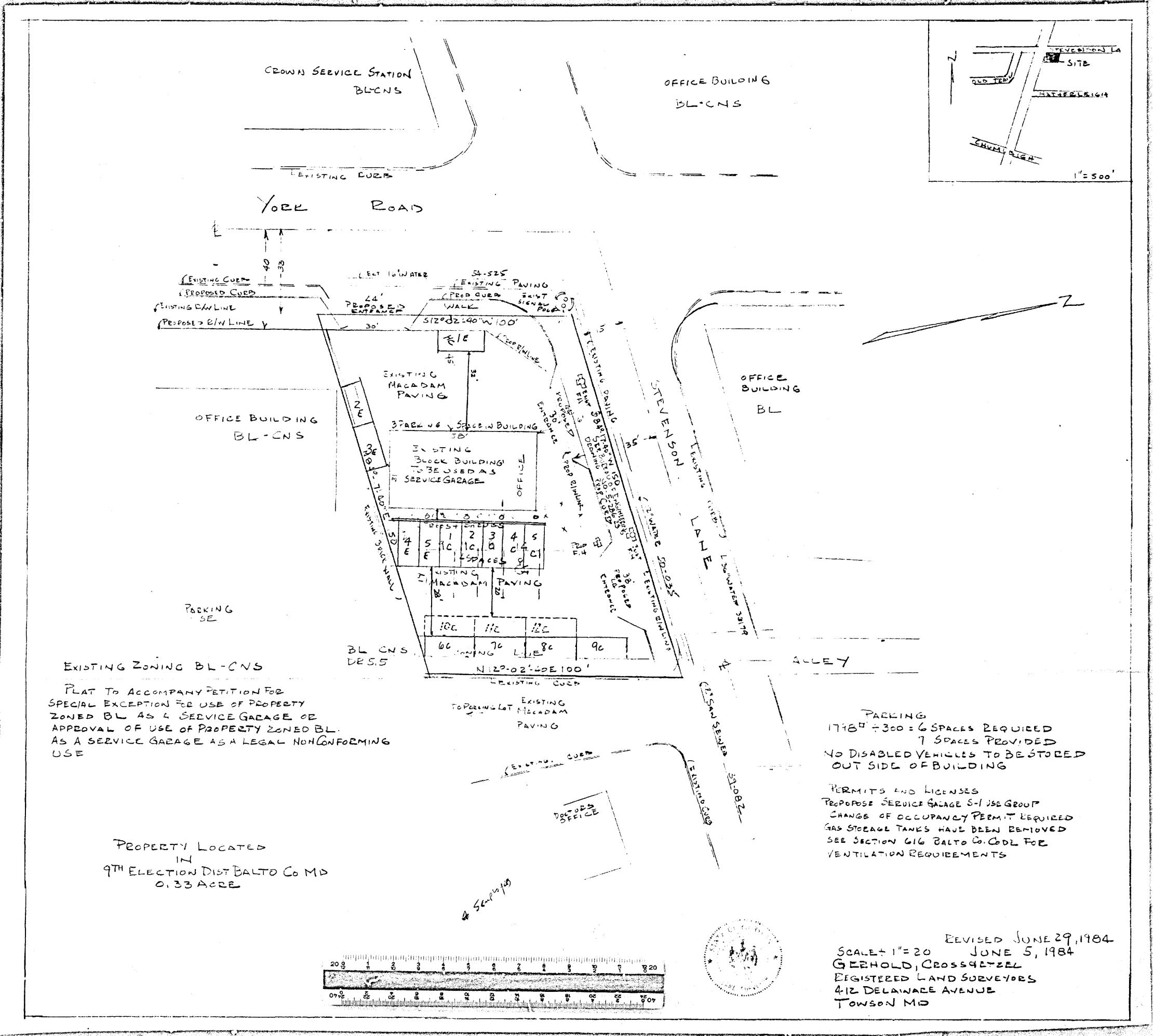
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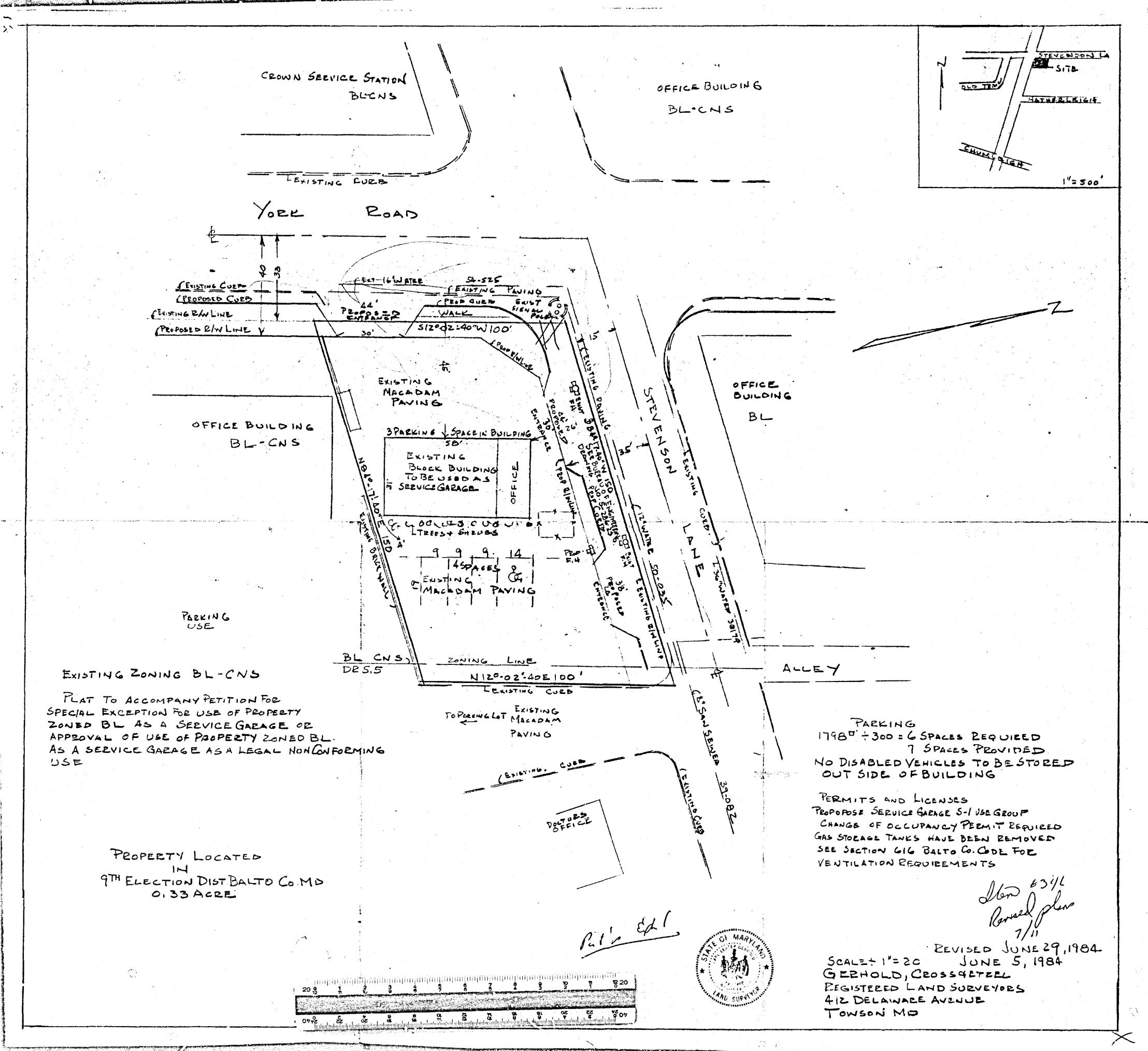
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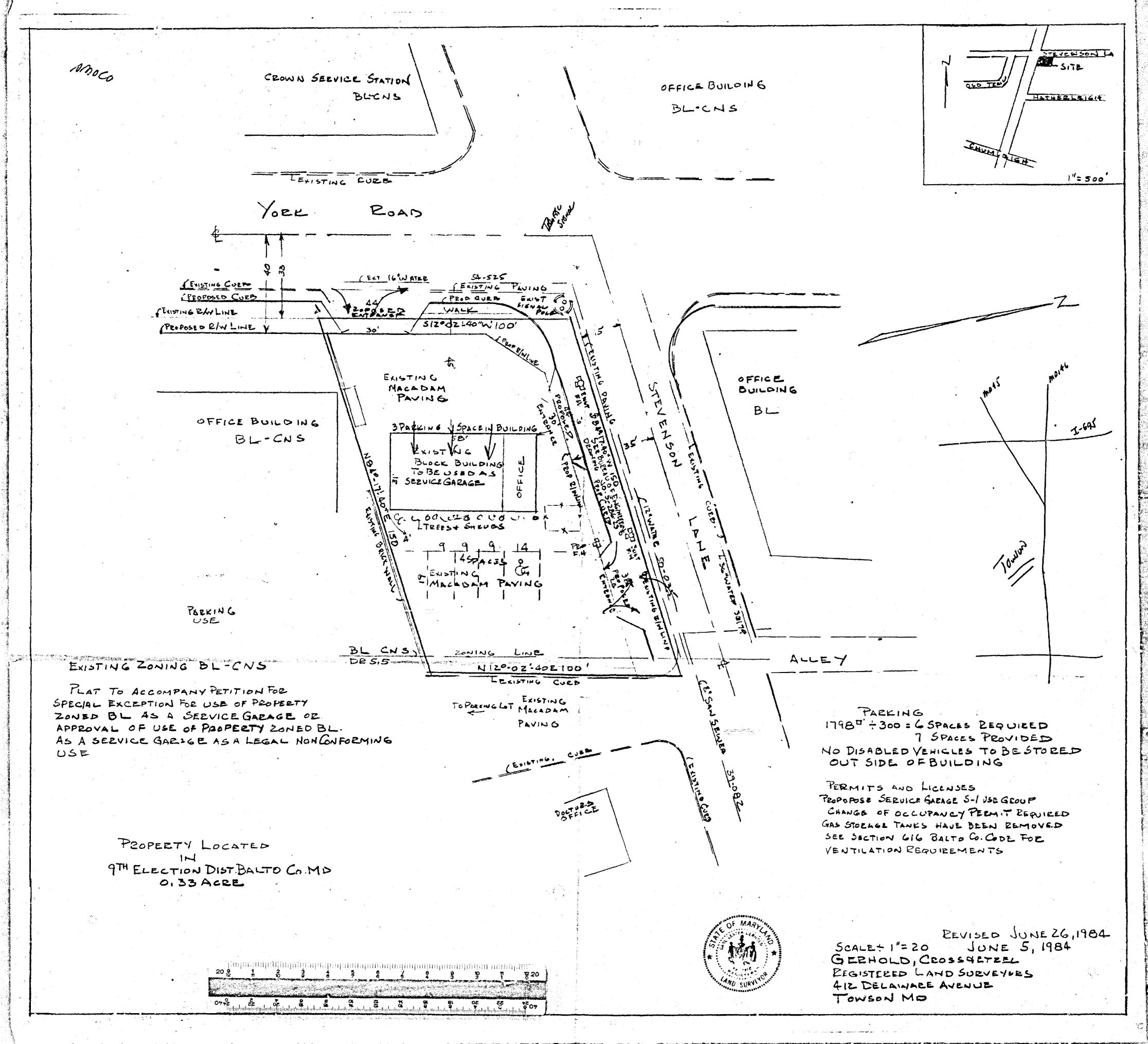
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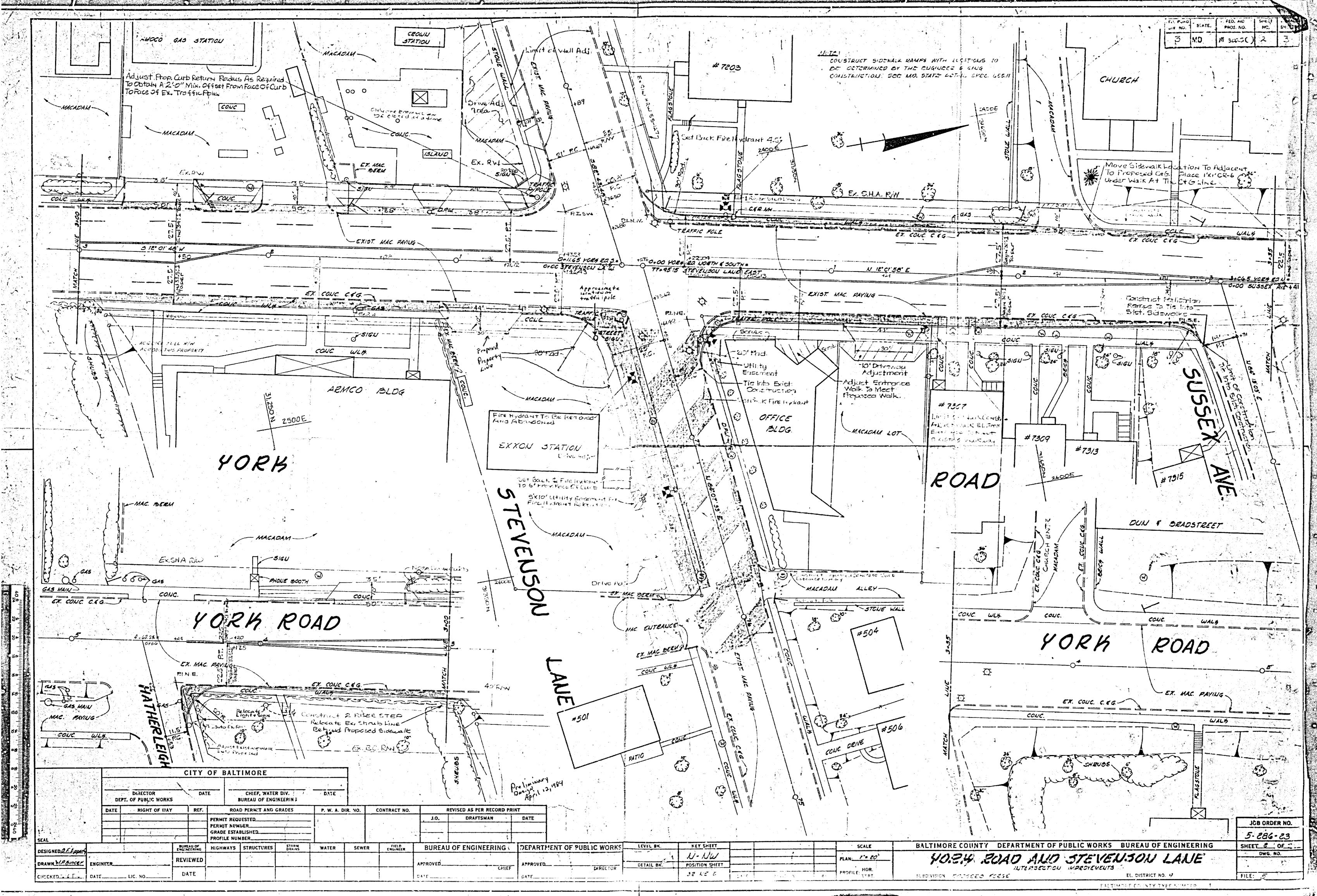


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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property, and public hearing on the Petition and it appearing that by reason of the following finding of facts:

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potential franchisee for the Sparks operation that is planned for the subject property, Gary Czapski, real estate agent between the franchisee and the property owner, and Elizabeth R. Baird, one of the property owners.

Testifying on behalf of the Protestants were Michael Flanigan, Associate Traffic Engineer for Baltimore County and an expert traffic engineer; Jean Duvall, representing herself and the Rodgers Forge Community Association; James Wyman, representing himself and the Wiltondale Improvement Association and John Brown, Lessee of the subject property for the past twenty-one years.

To place this issue in historical perspective it was testified by Ms. Baird that her family has owned the subject property, located at the southeast corner of York Road and Stevenson Lane, since the early 1800s. The property has had such diverse uses as a blacksmith shop, an ice cream store, a tire capping operation, a Post Office and more recently a gas station and service station which was granted by special permit (now special exception) in 1946 for the structure that remains on the property at the present time. The gas station and service station use that was permitted in 1946 was leased by Esso and run by John Prown until 1981 when Esso did not renew its lease with the property owners, removed their gas pumps and left the property. Since that time Mr. Brown took over the lease and operated a service garage without

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It is the desire of the Petitioner to lease this property to Sparks who will maintain the present building to conduct tune-ups, oil changes and lubrications. It is anticipated that the time necessary to service each vehicle will be approximately forty-five minutes. Though the testimony was quite conflicting as to the number of vehicles that would make use of this service, the Board is of the opinion that between 20 and 40 cars per day will be serviced. The property is located in a B.L.-CNS zone. The intersection of York Road and Stevenson Lane has a high level of traffic and is considered by

Baltimore County to have a Class D level of service.

Though the proposed use is for a limited service garage and the present use is a limited service garage, the Protestants strongly favor the use of the property as Mr. Brown operates it to the proposed Sparks use. The basis of their objection is the anticipated increased traffic and unique access problems to the subject property. Though it is recognized that the proposed use would increase the number of cars being serviced on the subject property, the Board is of the opinion that such an increase is of minor proportion relative to the level of traffic already encountered at this intersection. Additionally, it is presumed that most cars using this service station would normally be travelling the York Road corridor route regardless of their stopping for service and, therefore, the increased congestion brought about by the suggested use should not significantly affect the traffic

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Room 200 Court House Towson, Margland 21204 (301) 494-3180

April 9, 1985

Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire 306 Worthington Road Towson, MD 21204

Re: Case No. 85-45-XSPH Elizabeth R. Baird, et al

Dear Mr. Brizendine:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Opinion and Order passed today by the County Board of Appeals in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

cc: Elizabeth R. Baird, et al Mrs. Jean Duvall Mr. Bernard Brune Duglas M. Brown Phyllis Cole Friedman Norman E. Gerber James G. Hoswell Arnold Jablon Jean M. H. Jung James E. Dyer Ms. Peggy Williams

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level in this area. The Board also notes that the suggested use would generate far less traffic than most commercial establishments that would be permitted as a matter of right under the present zoning classification for this property. Protestants, however, raised the issue of traffic congestion as being distinguished from level of traffic. They suggest that the turning movements at the intersection in combination with entrance and exit movements onto the subject property will significantly deteriorate movement through the intersection.

Mr. Flanigan, the County's expert, agreed that the increased generation of traffic as the result of the proposed use would not significantly alter the conditions at the intersection. He suggested that in order to sufficiently reduce access problems that the entrances to York Road be either eliminated or be constructed in such a manner that only northbound traffic turning right onto the property be permitted to enter from York Road. Mr. Guckert proposed that the northern York Road entrance to the property be closed so that only one entrance on York Road would exist and that such an entrance be constructed so as to permit access for entrance and exit to northbound and southbound traffic. He further suggested the placement of no left turn signs restricting southbound traffic from entering or exiting the York Road access.
The Board is of the opinion that both of these suggestions pose problems and may tend to confuse drivers approaching the property. We suspect that if an entrance exists on York

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ELIZABETH R. BAIRD, ET AL FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A SERVICE GARAGE, AND SPECIAL HEARING TO DETERMINE A NONCON-FORMING USE AS A SERVICE GARAGE SE CORNER YORK ROAD AND STEVENSON LANE

9th DISTRICT

BEFORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS **BALTIMORE COUNTY**

NO. 85-45-XSPH

This matter comes before the Board following an appeal from the Order of the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, dated September 19, 1984, which granted a special exception to the Petitioner to permit the use of the subject property as a service garage with certain restrictions. At that hearing and again before this Board, the Petitioner also argued that the property was entitled to classification as a nonconforming use. The Zoning Commissioner determined that the property was not entitled to consideration as a nonconforming use. This Board requested that evidence on that point be reserved pending our decision as to the special exception. We, therefore, make no conclusion as to the nonconforming use status of the operation being conducted on the subject property. However,

for the reasons set forth below we do conclude that a special exception for a service garage should be granted with certain restrictions. Testifying on behalf of the Petitioner were John W. Guckert, an

expert traffic engineer, Hugh E. Gelston, an expert real estate appraiser, Charles

Prediger, real estate site coordinator for Sparks Tune-Up (Sparks), Charles Hawkins,

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Road that southbound traffic will attempt to negotiate a turn, whether it is

restricted by signs or by construction design. The placement of off premise signs, on the west side of York Road just past the Stevenson Lane intersection, will be rather unusual and confusing to drivers who may not appreciate at what point left turns are restricted. A construction design that would not permit vehicles turning left into the York Road access would be confusing and would not stop such movement until the vehicle could not fully negotiate the turn. At that point, a vehicle would have to back up into York Road and make repeated attempts to get into the property. We do not believe that eliminating the York Road access significantly helps the condition of the intersection. It is this Board's opinion that permitting access for entrance and exit of northbound and southbound traffic on York Road, in accordance with Petitioner's site plan, does not significantly detriment the present traffic congestion. We further agree that the western Stevenson Lane access should be closed in accordance with the Petitioner's site plan so that access to the property from Stevenson Lane be removed as far from the intersection as possible.

Other site considerations that concern this Board include adequate on site parking for cars that may be anticipated to remain on the property during the course of the day, and what the testimony revealed to be a significant grading problem along the northern boundary of the property that either presently exists or may exist once Stevenson Lane is widened as presently proposed. The Board believes that the Petitioner must provide no less than ren (10) parking spaces to adequately satisfy the need that

BAIRD - #85-45-XSPH we perceive will be encountered on the site. Additionally, we believe that a grading plan must be supplied to satisfy the County that the on site movement of traffic will The Board is of the belief that a special exception should be granted in this case with restrictions as listed below. We are of the belief that the use petitioned for herein will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locality involved, and that the standard required by \$502.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations will be met if the property is used consistent with the restrictions enumerated in the Order below. For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing Opinion, it is this 9th day of April, 1985, by the County Board of Appeals, ORDERED that the special exception petitioned for, be and the same is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions: 1. A revised site plan must be submitted and approved

consistent with Petitioner's Exhibit #3 which shows

one access on York Road and one access on Stevenson Lane, including a parking layout and calculations per-

mitting a minimum of ten (10) on site parking spaces, nd restricting the placement of an on site freestanding

sign at or near the southern boundary of York Road.

2. A grading plan must be submitted and approved to satisfy on site movement of traffic that will occur

the building would be the addition of a standard facade advertising the new op-

40 minutes service per car. No brake service, mufflers, or tires will be pro-

Sparks is too low and that, if it is true, the proposed business could not suc-

ceed. She believes the number of cars per day would actually be much higher and

profit on an average of 17 to 18 cars per day and that the operation would be

will generate an increase in an already horrendous traffic situation. They be-

lieve that Mr. Brown's garage is a needed use and that the proposed use is not.

Ms. Duvall testified that Mr. Brown is an excellent neighbor. Jack McDonald

testified that the loss of the full service garage operated by Mr. Brown will be

does not believe that Sparks will in any way adversely impact on traffic in the

area T However, J. Harvey Fait, who lives three houses from the site, strongly

dang to residents of the neighborhood. He believes that any new business will

attract new potential customers, and this will cause a dramatic increase in

traffic congestion as these customers re-enter York Road and/or Stevenson Lane.

pursuant to Section 502.1, BCZR.

The Petitioner seeks relief pursuant to Section 104.1 or Section 230.13,

The aim of the business is to have a quick turn-around with an average of

Ms. Duvall argued that the estimate of the number of vehicles serviced by

However, on cross-examination, Mr. Hawkins stated that he would make a

All of the Protestants oppose the change because they feel the new business

eration. The existing three bays and office would continue to be utilized.

vided. If any cars had to be kept overnight, storage would be inside.

that there would be a concomitant increase in traffic congestion.

after the anticipated widening of Stevenson Lane.

through B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure. COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY th S. Franz, Acting Chairman I told her that the case had been completed as far as I knew but if you wished her testimony we would get in touch with her. If she did not hear from us she would know that you did not require her any further. 1/20/85 - Have message to mo Quall

3. A landscaping plan, in accordance with the Baltimore

County landscape manual, must be submitted and

4. No vehicles may be stored overnight on the site except

5. The hours of operation shall be restricted from 7:00 A.M.

Any appeal from this decision must be in accordance with Rules B-1

to 7:00 P.M. - Mor 'y through Saturday.

inside the existing building.

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A nonconforming use is an exception to generally applicable zoning requirements for a previously lawful, existing use. See, generally, 1 Anderson, American Law of Zoning, 2nd Edition, Section 6.01 to 6.73; 3 Rathkopf, The Law of Zoning and Planning, Section 58-1 to 62-18. The government recognizes a nonconforming use in derogation of the general zoning scheme in order to protect the interests of property owners. 1 Anderson, supra, Section 6.02 to 6.07; 3 Rathkopf, supra, Sections 58-1 to 58-3, 61-1. Nevertheless, the ultimate purpose of zoning was and is to reduce nonconformance to conformance as speedily as possible with due respect to the legitimate interests of all concerned. A permissible aim of the zoning regulations is to limit and forbid expansion of a nonconforming use and to forfeit the right to it upon abandonment of the use or the destruction of the improvements housing the use. Grant v. Mayor and City Council of Balto., 129 A.2d 363 (1957). Whether a nonconforming use can be changed, extended, enlarged, altered, repaired, restored, or recommenced after abandonment ordinarily is governed by the provisions of the applicable ordinances and regulations. Feldstein v. LaNale Zoning Board, 227 A.2d 731 (1967). These regulations and ordinances must be strictly construed in order to effect-/uate the purpose of eliminating nonconforming uses. Mayor of Balto. v. Byrd, 62 A.2d,588 (1948). In deciding whether a current activity is within the scope of a nonconforming 🎼, the following factors should be considered: 1. to what extent the current use of the property reflects the nature and purpose of the original nonconforming

ing the original nonconforming use or does it constitute a use different in character, nature, and kind;

fect upon the neighborhood; and

is the current use merely a different manner of utiliz-

does the current use have a substantially different ef-

BEFORE THE IN RE: PETITIONS SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND SPECIAL HEARING ZONING COMMISSIONER SE/corner York Road and Steve con Lane - 9th Election OF BALTIMORE COUNTY District Case No. 85-45-XSPH Elizabeth R. Baird, et al, Petitioners *

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioners herein request a special hearing to determine that the present use of their property is nonconforming or, in the alternative, a special exception for a service garage, as more fully described on Petitioner's Exhibit

The Petitioner, Elizabeth R. Baird, appeared and testified and was represented by Counsel. Also testifying on her behalf were Charles Prediger, Real Estate Director for Sparks Tune-Up (Sparks), a subsidiary of MAACO, Inc., Charles Hawkins, the would-be manager for Sparks, the operation proposed for this site, and John Brown, the present operator of the service garage on the site. Jean Duvall and Bernard Brune, residents of the area, along with many

others, appeared and testified as Protestants. See Protestants' Exhibit 1. Testimony indicated that the Petitioners' family has owned the subject rty, zoned B.L.-C.N.S., located at the southeast corner of York Road and Stevenson Lane, since 1807. They operated a blacksmith shop from the 1850's un-1930's, at which time an ice cream store was operated for a brief peritire-capping operation and a post office were started in about 1937 and until 1945, at which time the building existing on the site was demolishe I In 1946, Esso leased the property from the family and constructed a gasoling service station, for which a special permit was granted, which included a new building containing three bays and an office. The station had one gas

> 4. is the current use a drastic enlargement or extension of the original nonconforming use,

McKemy v. Balto. County, 39 Md. App. 257 (1948). There is a strong presumption of the correctness of the original zones and of comprehensive zoning. Howard County v. Dorsey, 438 A.2d 1339 (1982). There is a presumption of validity that must be accepted. Johnson & Wales College v. DiPiete, 448 A.2d 1271 (R.I., 1982). When interpreting the zoning regulations, the restrictive language contained must be strictly construed so as to allow the landowner the least restrictive use of his property. Lake Adventure, Inc. v. Zoning Hearing Bd. of Dingham Township, 440 A.2d 1284 (Pa. Cmwlth., 1982). When the language of a zoning regulation is clear and certain, there is nothing left for interpretation and the ordinance must be interpreted literally. Mongony v.

Bevilacqua, 432 A.2d 661 (R.I., 1981). Under the original 1945 BCZR, a public sevice garage and gasoline service station were distinguished. A garage was allowed as of right in a commercial zone while a gasoline service station required a special permit, the equivalent of a special exception. In order to determine whether the conditions delineated above for the continuation of a nonconforming use have been satisfied here, the two must be defined. There is no issue as to the continued use of the property; the issue is whether the discontinuation of the sale of gasoline effectively abandoned the nonconforming use, which had been created by the change in zoning laws which now require a special exception in a B.L. Zone. The definition for a service garage in the current regulations is similar to that found in the 1945 BCZR F Although there is no definition for a gasoline service station in the 1945 HZR, it is obvious that the County Commissioners, in adopting those ordinances considered them two separate and distinct entities. Current law defines an automotive service station as "[a] structure or land used or intended to be

island with approximately five pumps. Esso operated the station, selling gasoline and repairing automobiles, until 1981. Due to falling gasoline sales, Esso decided not to renew its lease with the Petitioners. The garage and gas pumps were in constant and uninterrupted use from 1946 to 1981. In 1981, Mr. Brown, who had operated the station for Esso since 1963. took over the lease and operated a service garage without the sale of gas.

At this time, the Petitioners wish to lease the site to Sparks for a service garage limited to tune-ups, oil changes, and lubrications. The lease with Mr. Brown will not be renewed.

Ms. Baird testified that the building located on the property now is the exact building constructed by Esso in 1946, at which time, according to her, a special permit was granted for a gasoline service station under Section XIII.E.2, 1945 Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR). In addition, a public service garage was allowed as a matter of right at that time.

Mr. Brown testified that the primary use of the site has been a gasoline service station, and secondly, used for the repair of automobiles. Since 1981, he has operated exclusively as a service garage, providing a full range of ser-/ vices except for gasoline sales.

.Mr. Prediger testified that the marketing survey completed by Sparks showed that there were 44,000 registered vehicles within a two-mile radius of this site 3,000 within a three-mile radius. Sparks also found that the County traf-Bount at the intersection is 26,000 vehicles per 24 hours. He indicated that The average number of cars serviced at this site would be 17 to 18 per day, which is the average for the 80 Sparks shops around the country. Mr. Brown testific that he serviced 15 to 20 per day, while providing road service as well. The pours of operation would be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Sparks would not enlarge the existing building. The only exterior change to

used primarily for the retail sale of automotive fuel... " It is not difficult to draw a line back to the early regulations and accept the current definition as descriptive of what the Commissioners then intended.

It is true that an ordinance must be interpreted literally when its language is clear and certain. Mongony, supra. It is also true that restrictive language contained in an ordinance must be strictly construed so as to allow a landowner the least restrictive use of his property. Lake Adventure, Inc., supra. The regulations passed by the Council must be construed according to the ordinary and natural import of their language since it is the language of the statutes which constitutes the primary source of legislative intent. Grosvenor v. Supervisor of Assessment, 271 Md. 232 (1074). When statutes are construed, however, results that are unreasonable, illogical, or inconsistent with common sense should be avoided whenever possible and consistent with the statutory language, with the real legislative intention prevailing over the intention indicated by the literal meaning. B. F. Saul Co. v. West End Park, 250 Md. 707

Applying these principles to the issue at hand, it must be concluded that the primary use of the instant property was a gasoline station, which provided mechanical repair services as an accessory use. The testimony of Mr. Brown indicated that the property was primarily a gasoline service station with repairs being secondary. He testified that whatever mechanical repairs were done, the customers were first attracted by the availability of gasoline. Indeed, there was not a combination of primary uses on the site; however, even if there were such accombination, the abandonment of one terminates the nonconforming use. It upontroverted that if each use were considered individually, each would be Inonconforming, but each cannot be separately considered as it is equally uncontroverted that they were in combination, i. e., dependent on each other. It is

a severe loss to the community. He disagreed with the other Protestants and beliages that the new garage will add to the very heavy traffic load on Stevenson lane. He complained, and rightly, about the number of vehicles using the road in the area and the speed in which they travel, thereby creating imminent

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the totality of the use that must be considered. The sum of its parts, not the parts thereof, determine the legitimacy of the nonconforming use.

For the above reasons, the termination of the gasoline service station ended the nonconforming use, albeit the continuation of the service garage. For a service garage to be the primary use on this site, a special exception is now required pursuant to Section 502.1, BCZR.

The subject property is located within a commercial zone and is surrounded by commercial uses. Sparks is a specific, limited service garage. It does not provide service for engine or transmission problems nor does it do any body or fender work. There will be no storage of damaged or disabled vehicles on the site although a car may be kept overnight for completion. In those instances, the car would be kept inside.

The testimony of the Protestants unfortunately is conflicting. They are satisfied with the service garage now there and oppose the proposed garage although testimony indicated that both will service the same number of cars per day. Even though some Protestants do not believe the estimate given by Mr. Prediger, they offer no evidence to support their contention that the estimate is too low or that any increase will create further congestion on area roads. Regardless of the number of cars serviced by Sparks, which would be limited by the existence of only three bays and the hours of operation, the traffic problems fow existing would not be exacerbated to any great extent. The unsupported conditions of the witnesses that traffic congestion would result, unsubstantiated by specific facts or studies, must be treated as "vague and generalized expressions of op. 'on which are lacking in probative value". Anderson v. Sawyer 23 Md. App. 612 (1974). This is not to say that the concerns raised are not important or should not be considered. They are significant issues facing the residential community located adjacent to this commercial zone and should not be ignored by County officials.

However, it is clear that the BCZR permit the use requested by the Petitioner in a B.L. Zone by special exception. It is equally clear that the proposed use would not be detrimental to the primary commercial uses in the vicinity of the proposed service garage. Therefore, it must be determined whether the conditions delineated by Section 502.1 are satisfied by the Petitioner.

After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the special exception as applied for should be granted, with certain restrictions as more fully described 'ow.

The Petitioner had the burden of adducing testimony and evidence which would show that the proposed use met the prescribed standards and requirements set forth in Section 502.1. In fact, the Petitioner has shown that the proposed use would be conducted without real detriment to the neighborhood and would not actually adversely affect the public interest. The facts and circumstances of the use proposed by the Petitioner do not show that the proposed use at the particular location described by Petitioner's Exhibit 1 would have any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a special exception use irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A.2d 1319 (1981).

The proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the locality, nor tend to create congestion in roads, streets, or alley therein, nor be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning chass dication, nor in any other way inconsistent with the spirit and intent of

rsuant to the advertisement, posting of property, and public hearing appearing that by reason of the requirements of Section 502.1 having been met and the health, safety, and general welfare of the community not being adversely affected, the special exception should be granted.

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Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this 14 day of September, 1984, that the Petition for Special Exception for a service garage be and is hereby GRANTED, from and after the date of this Order, subject, however, to the following:

- 1. The hours of operation shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- 2. No automobiles may be stored or parked overnight on the site except inside the existing building. There shall be no vehicle storage area.
- 3. A revised site plan showing parking calculations and parking layout must be submitted to the Zoning Office.
- 4. A landscaping plan, in accordance with the Baltimore County Landscape Manual, shall be submitted for approval to the Current Planning and Development Division, Office of Planning and Zoning.
- 5. Upon satisfaction of the above, the Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the applicable appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

RESCHEDULED
FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND SPECIAL HEARING

9th Election District

ZONING: Petition for Special Exception and Special Hearing

Southeast corner York Road and Stevenson Lane

DATE & TIME: Monday, September 10, 1984 at 10:15 A.M. Room 106, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland PUBLIC HEARING:

LOCATION:

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing:

Petition for Special Exception for a service garage and Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve a legal nonconforming use under Section 104 of the B.C.Z.R. of the subject property as a service garage

Being the property of Elizabeth R. Baird, et al, as shown on plat plan filed with the Zoning Department.

In the event that these Petitions are granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the issuance of said permit during this period for good cause shown. Such request must be received in writing by the date of the haaring set above or made at the hearing.

> BY ORDER OF ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

JOHN F. ETZEL WILLIAM &, ULRICH GORDON T. LANGDON

GERHOLD, CROSS & ETZEL Registered Professional Land Surveyors 412 DELAWARE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

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EMERITUS
PAUL 6. DOLLENBERG
FRED H. DOLLENBERG

June 7, 1984

All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Ninth Election District of Baltimore County, State of Maryland and described as follows to wit:

Zoning Description

Beginning for the same at the corner formed by the inter-section of the east side of York Road with the south side of Stevenson Lane as shown on the Plat of Stevenson Court which plat is recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book G.L.B. No. 24 folio 27 and running thence and binding on the east side of York Road, South 12 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds West 100 feet, thence leaving said road and running the two following courses and distances viz: North 84 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds East 150 feet and North 12 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds East 100 feet to the south side of Stevenson Lane and thence binding on the south side of Stevenson Lane, South 84 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds West 150 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 0.33 of an Acre of land more or less.



RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION : BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING SE Corner York Rd. & Stevenson: Lane, 9th District

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

ELIZABETH R. BAIRD, et al, Petitioners

Case No. 85-45-XSPH

:::::: ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notices should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

> Phyllis Cole Friedman People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zemmen Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel Rm. 223, Court House Towson, MD 21204 494-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 27th day of July, 1984, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Austin W. Brizendine, Jr., Esquire, 406 Jefferson Building, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner.

MOORE, CARNEY, RYAN & BRIZENDINE ATTORNEYS AT LAW 406 JEFFERSON BUILDING 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4772

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July 24, 1984

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s. Jean Duvall

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. Bernard Brune

E. SCOTT MOORE ROBERT E. CARNEY, JR. ROBERT J. RYAN AUSTIN W. BRIZENDINE, JR.

Mr. Arnold Jablon Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner County Office Building

Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Case No. 85-45-XSPH Elizabeth R. Baird, et al

Dear Mr. Jablon:

Please postpone the above-entitled case. I will be out of town on the presently scheduled hearing date (August 14, 1984). I understand it can be re-set sometime in September.

Thank you for your attention to the above.

very truly yours, Austin W. Brizendine, Jr.

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Baird

MOORE, CARNEY, RYAN & BRIZENDINE ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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E. SCOTT MOORE

September 5, 1984

Mr. Arthur Jablon Zoning Commissioner, Baltimore County 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Item No. 346-Case No. 85-45-XSPH Corner Stevenson Land and York Road Petitioner - Elizabeth R. Baird

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Dear Mr. Jablon:

Pursuant to BCZR App. E, IV (c), please issue a summons for the below-named individual to appear and testify as a witness on behalf of the Petitioners at the hearing set in the aboveentitled matter on Monday, September 10, 1984 at 10:15 a.m. in the Zoning Hearing Room, County Office Building, Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 and designate the undersigned, Austin W. Brizendine, Jr. as the person to serve the summons. Thank you.

> John Brown c/o Dumbarton Auto Repair Stevenson Lane and York Road Towson, Maryland 21204

> > Very truly yours,

Austin W. Brizendine, Jr.

AWB:jw